

The Puget Sound Partnership's Legislative Update highlights issues related to our region's work to protect and restore the health of Puget Sound.

2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION BEGINS TODAY

The state's 64th Legislature convened today for the official start of the 2015 Regular Session. Lawmakers now have 105 days to develop and pass the next 2-year operating budget, which is the Legislature's top priority for this session. The last day of regular session (Adjournment Sine Die) occurs on April 26, 2015.

HIGHLIGHTS OF WEEK 1

On Monday, Jan. 12, at 3:30 p.m., the House Appropriations Committee will convene a work session on Governor Inslee's proposed 2015-17 biennial and 2015 supplemental operating budgets. Budget work sessions continue Tuesday, Jan. 13, with the House Capital Budget Committee and the House Committee on General Government and Information Technology, both at 3:30 p.m.

Also on Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 11:15 a.m., Governor Inslee will give the annual State of the State address, broadcast live on TVW (www.tvw.org).

On Friday, Jan. 16, at 8 a.m., the Puget Sound Partnership will testify at a work session of the House Committee on General Government and Information Technology focused on agency overviews and summaries of the Governor's budget proposal for natural resource agencies.

For the most current information about legislative committee activities, including meeting agendas, times and locations, go to www.leg.wa.gov. Many committee meetings are broadcast live on the State Capitol's public service television station, TVW. For a schedule, go to www.tvw.org.

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- The 2015 Legislative Session is scheduled from Jan. 12 to April 26, 2015.
- Puget Sound Legislative Updates are posted at: http://www.psp.wa.gov/legislative_updates.php
- For up-to-date Legislative information, visit: www.leg.wa.gov
- Watch or listen to hearings and work sessions on: www.tvw.org
- Connect with PSP for breaking news and other events affecting Puget Sound on Twitter @PSPPartnership and Facebook: www.facebook.com/PugetSoundPartnership

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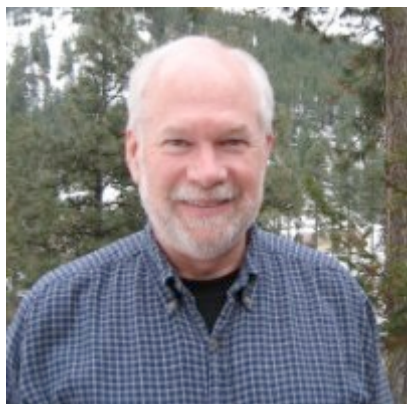
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PARTNERSHIP'S KEY ISSUES AND LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOCUS ON 3 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Our legislative priorities for the 2015 session will align with [three strategic initiatives](#) for Puget Sound recovery, identified and endorsed by our Leadership Council. We will closely follow legislation that could have an effect on:

- **Recovering Puget Sound's shellfish beds.** Emphasis will be placed on three areas:
 - Support for the Washington Shellfish Initiative and projects and programs that work to achieve water quality standards for salmon and shellfish recovery.
 - Support for projects and programs that address ocean acidification.
 - Support for projects and programs that help prevent pollution from sewage effluent.
- **Protecting and restoring habitat** along the rivers, streams, and shorelines of Puget Sound. Our priorities for this initiative include the [Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration](#) (PSAR) fund and the [Floodplains by Design](#) program.
- **Preventing pollution from stormwater runoff into Puget Sound** Our top priority is funding low-impact development and stormwater retrofits.

MEET JEFF PARSONS, THE PARTNERSHIP'S NEW LEGISLATIVE POLICY DIRECTOR

In September 2014, the Partnership welcomed Jeff Parsons as its new Legislative Policy Director. Jeff brings 21 years of state legislative experience to the job, including positions as state legislative staff, private-sector lobbyist, and legislative liaison. Most recently, Jeff served as the founding executive director of the Wenatchee River Institute, an environmental learning center in Leavenworth, Washington. He also served as executive director of Audubon Washington – the Washington state office of the National Audubon Society – and as a citizen member of the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.

A lifelong resident of the Washington state, Jeff earned a degree in public administration from The Evergreen State College, in Olympia; he also studied political science at Washington State University, in Pullman. In his free time, Jeff and his wife, Chris, enjoy hiking, bird-watching, kayaking and grand-parenting together. Jeff is also an avid cyclist.

Jeff can be contacted by email at jeff.parsons@psp.wa.gov or by phone at 509-264-4905. While the Partnership's home office is in Tacoma, during Legislative Session, Jeff has an office on the Capitol Campus in the Natural Resources Building. Contact him for directions.

NEW LEGISLATORS, NEW COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE 64th LEGISLATURE

The 2015 Legislature will see 14 new members to the House and four new members to the Senate.

In the House:

- **Bob McCaslin** (R), 4th District, replaces Christian Leonard (R), who was defeated in the primary election
- **Tom Dent** (R), 13th District, replaces Judy Warnick (R), who ran for the Senate
- **Tina McCabe** (R), 14th District, replaces Charles Ross (R), who ran for Yakima County Auditor
- **Lynda Wilson** (R), 17th District, replaces Monica Stonier (D), who was defeated in the general election
- **Strom Peterson** (D), 21st District, replaces Mary Helen Roberts (D), who retired
- **Melanie Stambaugh** (R), 25th District, replaces Larry Seaquist (D), who was defeated in the general election
- **Christine Kilduff** (D), 28th District, replaces Tami Green (D), who ran for the Senate
- **Drew Stokesbary** (R), 30th District, replaces Cathy Dahlquist (R), who ran for the Senate
- **Dan Griffey** (R), 35th District, replaces Kathy Haigh (D), who was defeated in the general election
- **Luanne Van Werven** (R), 42nd District, replaces Jason Overstreet (R), who did not run for re-election
- **Mark Harmsworth** (R), 44th District, replaces Mike Hope (R), who did not run for re-election
- **Joan McBride** (D), 48th District, replaces Cyrus Habib (D), who ran for the Senate

In the Senate:

- **Judy Warnick** (R), 13th District, formerly in the House of Representatives, replaces Janea Holmquist Newbry (R), who ran for U.S. Congress
- **Mark Miloscia** (R), 30th District, replaces Tracey Eide (D), who retired
- **Pramila Jayapal** (D), 37th District, replaces Adam Kline (D), who retired
- **Cyrus Habib** (D), 48th District, formerly in the House of Representatives, replaces Rodney Tom (D), who did not run for re-election

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS UP FOR CONFIRMATION

Committee membership will be confirmed during the upcoming week, but the proposed changes to selected committees are summarized below.

In the House

- **Agriculture & Natural Resources.** The proposed 13-member 2015 committee loses Reps. MacEwen, Haigh, and Warnick, and gains Rep. Dent. Proposed 2015 members: Reps. Blake (Chair), Lytton (Vice Chair), Buys, Dent, Chandler, Dunshee, Hurst, Kretz, Orcutt, Pettigrew, Schmick, Stanford, and Van de Wege.
- **Appropriations.** The proposed 33-member committee loses Reps. Vick, Seaquist, Morrell, Haigh, Green, and Ross, and gains Reps. Condotta, Dent, Hansen, MacEwen, Magendanz, Sawyer, Senn, Van Werven, and Walkinshaw. Proposed 2015 members: Reps. Hunter (Chair), Ormsby (Vice Chair), Chandler, Wilcox, Parker,

Buy, Carlyle, Cody, Condotta, Dent, Dunshee, Fagan, Halder, Hansen, Hudgins, Hunt, Springer, Stokesbury, Sullivan, Taylor, Tharinger, Van Werven, and Walkinshaw.

- **Capital Budget.** The proposed 9-member committee loses Reps. MacEwen, Appleton, Robinson, Scott, Senn, Stonier, and Warnick, and gains Reps. Kilduff, Kochmar, Peterson, and Walsh. Proposed 2015 members: Reps. Dunshee (Chair), Stanford (Vice Chair), DeBolt, Smith, Kilduff, Kochmar, Peterson, Riccelli, and Walsh.
- **Environment.** The proposed 11-member committee loses Reps. Senn, Kagi, Morris, Nealey, Ortiz-Self, Overstreet, and Tharinger, and gains Reps. Peterson, Shea, Goodman, McBride, Pike, and Taylor. Proposed 2015 members: Reps. Fitzgibbon (Chair), Peterson (Vice Chair), Shea, Short, Farrell, Fey, Goodman, Harris, McBride, Pike, and Taylor.
- **Rules.** The proposed 23-member committee loses Reps. Dahlquist, Green, and Roberts, and gains Reps. Farrell, Halder, Harmsworth, Harris, McBride, Short, Stambaugh, Young, and Zeiger. Proposed 2015 members: Reps. Chopp (Chair), Kristiansen, Kretz, Farrell, Halder, Harmsworth, Harris, Lytton, McBride, Moeller, Orwall, Pettigrew, Reykdal, Ryu, Short, Springer, Stambaugh, Sullivan, Tarleton, Van de Wege, Wilcox, Young, and Zeiger.
- **Transportation.** The proposed 25-member committee loses Rep. Overstreet and gains Reps. Gregerson, Harmsworth, McBride, and Wilson. Proposed 2015 members: Reps. Clibborn (Chair), Farrell (Vice Chair), Fey (Vice Chair), Moscoso (Vice Chair), Orcutt, Hargrove, Berquest, Gregerson, Harmsworth, Hayes, Kochman, McBride, Moeller, Morris, Ortiz-Self, Pike, Riccelli, Rodne, Sells, Shea, Takko, Tarleton, Wilson, Young, and Zeiger.

In the Senate

- **Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development.** The proposed 5-member committee loses Sens. Brown, Eide, and Schoesler, and gains Sens. Warnick and Dansel. Proposed 2015 committee: Sens. Warnick (Chair), Dansel (Vice Chair), Hatfield, Hobbs, and Honeyford.
- **Energy, Environment & Telecommunications.** The proposed 9-member committee loses Sens. Billig, Chase, and Litzow, and gains Sens. Braun, Cleveland, and Habib. Proposed 2015 committee: Sens. Ericksen (Chair), Sheldon (Vice Chair), McCoy, Braun, Brown, Cleveland, Habib, Honeyford, and Ranker.
- **Government Operations & State Security.** The proposed 7-member committee loses Sens. Hasegawa, Conway, and Rivers, and gains Sens. Lias, Habib, and Pearson. Proposed 2015 committee: Sens. Roach (Chair), Lias, Benton, Cansel, Habib, McCoy, and Pearson.
- **Natural Resources & Parks.** The proposed 7-member committee loses Sens. Lias, Dansel, Hargrove, Kline, and Parlette, and gains Sens. Hatfield, Chase, McAuliffe, and Warnick. Proposed 2015 committee members: Sens. Pearson (Chair), Dansel (Vice Chair), Hatfield, Chase, Hewitt, McAuliffe, and Warnick.
- **Rules.** The proposed 17-member committee loses Sens. Becker, Billig, Darneille, Ericksen, Kohl-Welles, McCoy, and Tom, and gains Sens. Hasegawa, Honeyford, and Mullet. Proposed 2015 committee members: Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen (Chair), Sens. Schoesler (Majority Leader), Sheldon (Vice Chair), Bailey, Benton, Chase, Dammeier, Fain, Fraser, Hasegawa, Honeyford, King, Mullet, Nelson, Pearson, Parlette, Rivers, and Rolfes.
- **Transportation.** The proposed 15-member committee loses Sens. Eide, Angel, Brown, Dansel, Mullet, O'Ban, and Rolfes, and gains Sens. Benton, Baumgartner, Habib, Jayapal, Miloscia, Pedersen, and Rivers. Proposed 2015

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committee members: Sens. King (Chair), Fain (Vice Chair), Benton (Vice Chair), Hobbs, Lias, Baumgartner, Cleveland, Ericksen, Habib, Jayapal, Litzow, Miloscia, Pedersen, Rivers, and Sheldon.

- **Ways & Means.** The proposed 23-member committee loses Sens. Baumgartner, Frockt, and Rivers, and gains Sens. Brown, O'Ban, Rolfes, and Warnick. Proposed 2015 committee: Sens. Hill (Chair), Braun (Vice Chair), Dammeier (Vice Chair), Honeyford (Vice Chair), Hargrove, Ranker, Keiser, Bailey, Becker, Billig, Brown, Conway, Fraser, Hasegawa, Hatfield, Hewitt, Kohl-Welles, O'Ban, Parlette, Padden, Rolfes, Schoesler, and Warnick.